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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: BAR-OR ET AL.)
SERIAL NO.: 09/806,247) ART UNIT: 1645
FILED: OCTOBER 1, 1999) EXAMINER: SHANAN-SHAH, K.S.
FOR: TEST FOR THE RAPID EVALUATION)
OF ISCHEMIC STATES AND KIT) CONF. NO. 4924

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In regard to the referenced application and the Office Action of October 2, 2002,
the claims have been divided into the following groups:

- Group I, claims 1-8 and 79;
- Group II, claims 9-13 and 80;
- Group III, claims 19-22 and 81;
- Group IV, claims 28-32;
- Group V, claims 33-35;
- Group VI, claims 36-42, 47-51 and 70-73;
- Group VII, claims 43-46;
- Group VIII, claims 52-56;
- Group IX, claims 57-61;
- Group X, claims 62-64 and 78;
- Group XI, claims 65-69; and
- Group XII, claims 74-77.

Applicants elect Group II (claims 9-13 and 80) without traverse. In response to
the election of species requirement, Applicants elect serum (from among the samples in
claims 11 and 12) and cobalt (from among the metal ions in claim 9). The claims

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readable on either or both of these species are claims 9-13 and 80.

Submitted herewith is Petition for Extension of Time for 3 months and a check for \$465.00. It is believed that no additional fees are due with this submission. If this is in error, please charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 19-5117.

Respectfully submitted,

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